

House Resolution No. 481

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in welcoming highly esteemed guests to the Show-Me State with its diverse geography, economic foundations, and societal heritages; and

Whereas, an internationally-renowned activist for world peace, Kaneko Ikeda of Japan will grant the state of Missouri an exceptional honor when she visits Mineral Area College of Park Hills on Saturday, February 28, 2004; and

Whereas, gracing the Mineral Area College campus on the day after the anniversary of her fortuitous birth, Kaneko Ikeda is the beloved wife of Daisaku Ikeda, President of the Soka Gakkai International global association of lay Buddhists which is recognized by the United Nations as a nongovernmental source for a variety of humanitarian and public information programs; and

Whereas, Kaneko Ikeda values education and culture as the prerequisites for the creation of true peace in which the dignity and fundamental rights of all people are respected, a belief which is fully supported and encouraged by her loving husband, Daisaku Ikeda, and their two sons; and

Whereas, in light of her worldwide endeavors supporting educational programs, Kaneko Ikeda holds the well-deserved title of Honorary Professor at Soka Women's College of Japan, the University of Flores in Argentina, and Fujian Teachers University in China, as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the Chinese Culture University of Taiwan; and

Whereas, Kaneko Ikeda is the recipient of numerous honors, awards, and accolades from organizations found throughout the world and is an active member of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Sponsors at Morehouse College and the Advisory Board of Directors for The Non-Violence Project in the United States:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Kaneko Ikeda to the state of Missouri, to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of her relentless efforts in the fields of education and world peace, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Kaneko Ikeda of Japan.

Offered by _____
Representative Dan Ward
District No. 107

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 481, adopted February 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker